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HONGKONG, MAY 24TH, 1887.

The Queen's Birthday parade will take place on 5.15 this afternoon.

The Russian steamship *Amel* left here yesterday for Nagasaki.

To-day being the Queen's Birthday and a general holiday there will be no issue of the *Daily Press* to-morrow.

The Agent informs us that the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Berencz*, from Trieste, left Colombo on Saturday for this port.

Commencing with the end of next month, the *Bangkok Times* will be published twice a week, on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

A correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* says:—Unless the representatives of the Eastern Extension and the Great Northern Telegraph Companies, who have been for some time at Tianjin negotiating on this subject, have succeeded in getting the Vienna Law to join in, it is to be expected that the railroads of Europe, the news that it has been determined to connect Tientsin with a line via Kiao-ta, is a serious blow to the two cable companies. Under all circumstances, land lines are much cheaper to lay and work than submarine cables; and the existing Russian tariff is so low, that the Chinese service will easily be able to take on more passengers at least as cheaply as now charged by the cable companies. With this line across Manchuria, which will be easily and quickly constructed, and the junction of the land line in Yenan with the French lines in Tonquin and thence through Siam and Burma, we shall soon have four lines to Europe, all separately owned, and a considerable reduction in rates must come before long.

The man who is charged with attempting to shoot two constables with intent to resist his lawful arrest, was committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

The Hon. J. M. Price, who proceeded to Shanghai by the *Amel* for the benefit of the sea voyage, having been sick from fever, returned yesterday, by the *Marquette* Maritimus steamer *Sophia*.

The attention of masters of vessels is called to the *Amel* and *Marquette* elsewhere to the effect that the crew of the steamer *Marquette* has about seven miles, N.E. from North Saddle Light. Her mast is standing.

To-night Salinger's Opera Company will give the first performance of *Thais*. Thomas Lovett and the rest will sing in honor of the Queen's Birthday. Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance*. This is one of the best of the series and should draw a large house.

The adjourned annual general meeting of the State Electric Company took place on the 16th instant; three shareholders being present. The usual routine business was transacted, the meeting being three hours unanimous, the necessary elections were made, and the report and accounts for 1886 adopted and passed.—N. C. Daily News.

A. Washin-ton, despatch dated the 16th April, addressed to the Secretary of the United States, James G. Blaine, had an interview with Secretary Whitney to-day regarding the disaster caused by the explosion of shell's fire from his vessel at the Japanese island of Iki-shima. The matter has been referred to the Judge Advocate-General of the Navy Department for examination.

In an article on the programme for the Japane-ese celebration at Shanghai, the N. C. Daily News says:—The *Amel* will be the flagship of the contrabandists who sail to the Queen. It has been suggested that this message should be sent by mail, with one cipher word arranged, to be sent on Jubilee Day as an instruction to hand the message to the Queen; but this piece of economy did not commend itself to the Committee, one member, himself a Scot, in remarking, "Why, the Queen will say we are all Scotmen in Shanghai!"

The *Bangkok Times* is pleased to learn that the efforts of the Bangkok Brick and Tile Company to introduce the brickmaking trade, on scientific principles, into Siam is meeting with well deserved success. Builders are beginning to appreciate and understand the differences between a well-baked brick and the porous, hump-backed species hitherto used, and are finding out that a stone block, hauled, mixed with sand, is a good substitute for a stone block, hauled, mixed with sand.

The company has just been appointed special purveyors to the Siamese Govern-

ment.

The *Chinese Times* says:—A social revolution is taking effect by the *Young* Martians, the *Young* being a class of young, bold, and active, who are determined to receive the visits of foreigners at their private houses. Persons new to China see nothing remarkable in these social courtesies, but those who know the Peking etiquette appreciate the boldness of the Martians in thus challenging the very citadel of refined conservatism. As it is too absurd a man to run his head deliberately against a stone wall, it may be inferred from the action that he has the support of high personages.

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at the ports, all telling against foreign opium. One of these is a tax per chest for the Kiangsu in favour of the Customs Bank, and another of 80 cents for a free entry, with the maintenance of a 10 per cent. duty for every article of nothing to do. The rates at which the different exchanges of silver are converted have also been made to yield an illegal tax or two per cent to the mandarins, and we are informed that at Swatow a most serious addition to the duty is made in this way.

TYphoon in the Gulf of Siam.

The destructive typhoon experienced in the Gulf of Siam on the 20th of last month, was the severest over known in this part of the world, and the only one ever heard of in Siamese waters since 1871, when a cyclone passed over Ko Pung, striking the Peninsula in about 10 deg. N. latitude. Full particulars of the typhoon are not yet known, but from what we can learn it seems to have travelled between 10 deg. and 20 deg. N. latitude.

The Siamese barque *Bao Pou*, on her way from Hongkong to Bangkok, was struck by it about 20 miles off Samroeng, and lost all sail, together with her main rigging. The Captain (Saxtorp) received, we regret to say, severe injuries; some of his ribs were broken and he was describes as being in a failing timber.

The German barque *Hermann*, loaded with rice for Muilai, was also caught in the typhoon some 30 miles south of Kien Kraum, and lost her main rigging. She is now at Kien Chau and will be towed up here to dock.

The Siamese schooner *Quon Lee*, Capt. Ianson, loaded with tea from Bangkok, was also lost in the typhoon, and was never seen again together with her main rigging. The Captain (Saxtorp) received, we regret to say, severe injuries; some of his ribs were broken and he was describes as being in a failing timber.

On returning to the letter which appeared in the London *Times* of Saturday, purporting to have been addressed by Parnell to Patrick Egan in 1882 apologizing for having denounced the Phoenix Park murders, Mr. Egan has to-day addressed the following cable message to Henry Labouchere, a prominent member of the Gladstone party in the House of Commons:— "I do not accept the statements in reference to me are unmitigated wilful slanders. Parnell never wrote me such a letter as that quoted in the London *Times*. The whole thing is a base fabrication."

CHICAGO, 19th April.

Alexander Sullivan was asked this evening what he thought of the other news in the *Times* of Saturday, by Lord Hartington. He was asked to give his opinion on the letter to Lord Hartington, and said that he had no objection to the letter, but that he had no objection to the present letter.

While Major Sanderson is a cowardly bully and calumniator who has been justly exposed by the *Parliament*, said Mr. Sullivan, "Lord Hartington has become a monomaniac and is evidently prepared to believe any falsehood, however preposterous, on account of the death of his son." Lord Hartington, he said, "is not just as much and just as little a scoundrel as the Phoenix Park affair is, but he is not as bad as that." That respect am I in precisely the same position as Mr. Parnell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Brendan and others whose names have been truthfully connected with it.

As far as Lord Carnarvon is concerned, Mr. Parnell perfectly expounded my views, and I fully support him. Mr. Parnell has done his associates, whom he says that they would have stood, if they could, between the unfortunate man and the knives of his assassins. Concerning Burke, the other victim, while I was as ignorant of the intended assault upon him, as of the intended assault upon myself, I am not of the opinion that it would be proper or expedient for me to take it upon myself to address any such communication, but I would do so if called for.

The *Times* of Saturday, April 19th, says:—

"The Conservative were not in agreement with the majority of the party in the House of Commons in voting for the bill to prohibit the use of political violence in the House of Commons. The bill was introduced by Mr. Parnell, and was supported by Mr. Egan, Mr. Brendan, and others whose names have been truthfully connected with it."

CONSTITUTIONAL, 2nd May.

Affairs in Crete are quieting down. Britain and France have sent reinforcements there for the protection of the Christians.

THE AFGHAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

ST. PETERSBURG, 3rd May.

The German *St. Petersburg Gazette* on its issue of to-day quotes from the *Times* that negotiations between the British and Russian Commissioners for the settlement of the Afghan frontier had been adjourned yesterday, and afterwards adjourned to the 15th instant next without coming to any decision. Tuesday next, probably, will be the final sitting of the Commissioners.

THE PARNELL LETTER.

LONDON, 4th May.

In the House of Commons last night there was an excited debate on a motion which was brought forward by Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Conservative member for the Montgomery city, to effect that an article which appeared in the *London Times* claiming Mr. John Dillon, member of the House, with having uttered a falsehood when that gentleman died in Parliament that he had an association with Fanian Sheridan which was a branch of privilege. The Irish members and Gladstonians commanded immediate decision of the House with respect to Mr. Lewis' motion. Mr. Smith was in favour of adjourning the discussion till to-day, which after a long debate was agreed to by a majority of thirty-nine votes.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales opened the Jubilee Exhibition at Manchester yesterday.

LONDON, 3rd May.

In the House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

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LONDON, 12th May.

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LONDON, 14th May.

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LONDON, 15th May.

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LONDON, 16th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 17th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 18th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 19th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 20th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 21st May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 22nd May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 23rd May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 24th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 25th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 26th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 27th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 28th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 29th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 30th May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 31st May.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 1st June.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 2nd June.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 3rd June.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 4th June.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 5th June.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

LONDON, 6th June.

The House of Commons last night, Mr. Heaton introduced an amendment to the first clause of the Crime Bill. The discussion on this amendment has been suspended, and will be resumed to-morrow evening, with standing Mr. Gladstone's support. Mr. Heaton's amendment was rejected by a large majority. It is calculated that the discussion on the first clause of the Crimes Bill will occupy three weeks, as the amendments to be brought forward are innumerable.

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